For the provision of drains, the Municipal Council must take the initiative and meet the expenditure. The Public Works Department will carry out the work.

The idea to construct a Government building for all the public offices at Kayankulam is a good one. But there is no vacant land belonging to Government on which such buildings could be constructed. It must wait until money is available.

The general principle is to have sub-treasuries only at the taluk headquarters. There are three sub-treasuries, *viz.*, at Mavelikara, Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli, within less than ten miles from Kayankulam. It is not therefore necessary to have one at Kayankulam.

The question of granting to Municipal Councils the right to levy tolls is a question bound up with the general question of road maintenance by Municipalities and the two questions are pending decision by Government.

101. Certain urgent needs of the Kayankulam town.

MR. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Trading Classes, Kayankulam*) said at the outset that though the subjects he proposed to represent had been repeatedly represented at several sessions of the Assembly by his predecessors as well as by himself it was regrettable that the Government had not bestowed any attention on them.

Two roads leading to the canal, one from the northern end and another from the middle of the main street in the Kayankulam bazaar were necessary and should be opened. Wharves suitable for loading and unloading of cargoes, should also be provided at the places where the roads joined the canal.

There was only one road for the people to go to the fish market from the bazaar road, which was alongside the canal. This road was in a state of disrepair and full of ruts. The level of the road should be raised and improved at a very early date.

Roads should be constructed on both sides of the canal from the eastern bridge to the fish market, to a length of two and a half furlongs in order to afford facilities for traffic and trade.

Drains should be constructed on both the sides of the bazaar road for the better sanitation of the town.

The trace from the Kayankulam town to Govindamuttam was quite unfit for traffic, especially during the rainy season. The trace should be improved and converted into a cart road.

The policy of the Government in appointing judges of the local Village Panchayat Court was defective, inasmuch as outsiders were selected for the posts. Competent persons who should also be residents of the town should only be appointed as judges.

Most of the Government offices in the town were housed in rented buildings. A Government building should be constructed to accommodate all the public offices in the town.

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The absence of a *satram* at Kayankulam was keenly felt by the travelling public, especially as the camp-shed at the place was always occupied by one Government officer or other on circuit. The old *satram* building used as the sub-Registrar's office might be utilised, or, in the alternative a new building should be put up for the purpose.

It was five years since the iron girder bridge was dismantled for re-construction. The work should be expedited and the bridge completed without further delay.

The old fish market bridge was in a dilapidated condition. It should be dismantled and a stronger bridge with a broader span constructed in its place.

Lastly, the proposed motor deviation road should be opened at an early date.

DEWAN'S REPLY: You mentioned one or two things, Mr. Krishna Pillai, which the previous speaker also referred to, and in regard to them I must refer you to my replies to him.

Your first suggestion, about the opening of two roads to the canal must be attended to by the Municipality.

The improvement of the road from the bazaar road to the fish market alongside the canal is very expensive. It is better that these roads wait until you have the roads for which estimates have been prepared.

I have explained to one or two previous speakers what the policy of Government is in regard to the appointment of judges in Panchayat Courts.

In regard to the *satram*, Government feel that the Municipality should open one if it feels that there is real need for it.

The deviation road would cost Rs. 40,000 because it includes a bridge. This work has to wait until funds are available.

102. Needs of the Kartikapalli taiuk.

MR. K. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Kartikapalli taluk*) said that formerly there was a Magistrate's Court at Haripad, which was in course of time raised to the status of a First Class Magistrate's Court. But at the time of redistribution of revenue and magisterial charges, the Court was abolished. Since then, there had been memorials and representations in the Assembly for the re-establishment of the Court. The whole of the Kartikapalli taluk, about three-fourths of the Mavelikara taluk and half of the Karunagapalli taluk were included in the jurisdiction of the Kayankulam Magistrate's Court. The northern *pakuthies* of the Kartikapalli taluk were 15 miles away from this Court. The file of the Court was also very heavy resulting in unduly long delays in the disposal of cases. The number of cases filed from the Kartikapalli taluk alone was sufficient for a Magistrate's Court. *Puduval* and *poramboke* work was not heavy in the Kartikapalli taluk.

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